

**CWP-20460-2025 (O&M)**

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

213**CWP-20460-2025 (O&M)****Date of decision: 27.02.2026****Renu Minocha**

....Petitioner

Vs.

Union of India and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Ms. Alisha Sharda, Advocate with
Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ayushi Sharma, Advocate
for respondents-UOI.

HARSH BUNGER J. (Oral)

1 Petition herein is, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of Certiorari, for setting aside the communication dated 17.01.2025 (Annexure P-16), whereby the application for issuance of passport submitted by the petitioner has been closed.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for setting aside the show cause notice dated 27.03.2025 (Annexure P-17) and order dated 05.05.2025 (Annexure P-18), whereby the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of passport has been rejected.

2. Briefly, petitioner is stated to have been born in the year 1964. It is submitted that the husband of the petitioner had applied for issuance of passport of the petitioner by inadvertently mentioning her date of birth as



01.01.1964. It is stated that on the said application, a passport bearing No. A030349 dated 06.07.1982 was issued in favour of the petitioner with her date of birth as 01.01.1964. It appears that subsequently, another passport bearing No. B121569 dated 05.07.1992 was issued, followed by another passport bearing No. F7058405 dated 29.03.2006, wherein also date of birth of the petitioner was recorded as 01.01.1964. Petitioner states that all the aforesaid passports were got prepared by her husband, who unfortunately expired on 29.07.2018, and thereafter, petitioner learnt that her date of birth has been wrongly mentioned as 01.01.1964 instead of 04.01.1964.

3. It transpires that, thereafter, the petitioner applied for her passport by mentioning her date of birth as 04.01.1964; however, an objection regarding difference in the date of birth was raised by Passport Authorities vide letter dated 29.04.2024 (Annexure P-10).

3.1. According to the petitioner, she submitted her response to the letter dated 29.04.2024 (Annexure P-10), which is detailed in para 12 of the writ petition and the same reads as under:-

“12. That in response to the above said letter dated 29.04.2024, petitioner duly submitted her reply wherein it was categorically submitted that the petitioner was born in the year 1964 and is not in possession of the birth certificate recorded her date of birth to be 04.01.1964. It was also submitted that like most of the people, petitioner got her date of birth recorded as 01.01.1964, as she was only aware of her year of birth. The husband of the petitioner after their marriage in the year 1987 got prepared all her documents with the date of birth to be 01.01.1964. Furthermore, it was also submitted that the petitioner's date of birth is mentioned as 04.01.1964 in her other documents and therefore, in the application form the



petitioner mentioned her date of birth to be 04.01.1964. Copy of the reply dated 13.05.2024 is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE P-11. In the reply it was also categorically submitted that the petitioner even does not possess 10th certificate and is about 60 years of age and had always remained a house wife.”

4. It appears that the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of passport was closed by the Passport Authorities vide letter dated 07.08.2024 (Annexure P-12)

5. Thereafter, petitioner submitted a request on 07.08.2024, for cancellation of her application and also submitted another application for issuance of passport by mentioning her date of birth as 04.01.1964, whereupon again an objection was made regarding difference in date of birth.

6. As per petitioner's own pleaded case in para 19 of the writ petition, petitioner submitted another application dated 28.04.2024 for issuance of passport, whereby the date of birth is mentioned as 01.01.1964; however, it is stated that the said application was also closed by the Passport Authorities.

7. Thereafter the petitioner is stated to have submitted another application dated 17.10.2025 for re-issuance of her passport by giving her date of birth as 04.01.1964, whereupon a show-cause notice dated 27.03.2025 (Annexure P-17) was issued to the petitioner. Petitioner states that she could not respond to the said show cause notice; however subsequently vide order dated 05.05.2025 (Annexure P-18), the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of passport was rejected.



8. In view of the aforementioned circumstances, present petition has been filed before this Court, for seeking relief(s) as noted hereinabove.

9. Heard.

10. A perusal of the aforementioned facts and circumstances would show that the petitioner has sought change in her date of birth as mentioned in her initial passport from 01.01.1964 to 04.01.1964. It is further made out that in the application form dated 28.08.2024 (Annexure P-15) the petitioner had again mentioned her date of birth as 01.01.1964.

11. Evidently, the petitioner had been changing her date of birth and now the petitioner places reliance upon (Annexure P-4) i.e. Birth Certificate dated 18.12.2024 issued by the learned Chief Registrar (Birth & Death), Punjab issued under Section 17 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 read with Rule 13 of the Punjab Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 2004, wherein her date of birth is mentioned as 04.01.1964. Petitioner also places reliance upon Pan Card (Annexure P-5) and Voter ID Card (Annexure P-6), wherein her date of birth is also mentioned as 04.01.1964.

12. Since the earlier application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of passport with date of birth as 04.01.1964 has already been rejected by the Passport Authorities, and as on date no application for issuance of passport of the petitioner is pending before the Passport Authorities; accordingly, the present writ petition stands dismissed; however, leaving it open to the petitioner to approach the Passport Authorities with a fresh application for issuance of passport on the strength of documents i.e. Birth Certificate dated 18.12.2024 (Annexure P-4), Pan Card (Annexure

P-5) and Voter ID Card (Annexure P-6), wherein date of birth of petitioner is recorded as 04.01.1964.

12.1. It goes without saying that, in case, any such fresh application is submitted by the petitioner, the same shall be considered by the Passport Authorities, in accordance with law and in the light of the observations made by this Court Court vide order dated 12.12.2025 passed in *CWP No.10188-2025* titled as “*Ajay Bhola Vs. Union of India and others*”.

13. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

27.02.2026

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No